

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A glass-ceramic plate ~~intended, for example, to cover or receive heating elements, and~~ comprising at least one opening located within a ~~local deformation of the~~ bent portion of said plate, this opening being at a location other than a heating area and/or having at least one dimension greater than 10 cm and/or an angular and/or complex shape.
2. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~it~~ said plate is ~~provided or combined or intended~~ configured to be used with a suction hood for allowing in particular for the extraction of cooking gases.
3. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said opening is at least 35 mm from ~~the~~ an edge ~~and/or from each heating area of~~ the plate.
4. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said opening occupies a position ~~mid-way between the cooking areas, generally it~~ is in a central area of ~~the~~ said plate.
5. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said opening has a polygonal ~~or angular~~ shape.
6. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said suction hood is located beneath ~~the~~ said plate ~~in its operating position~~.
7. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said opening is covered with a protective element ~~preventing~~ configured to

prevent objects from dropping ~~through it~~ therethrough while still allowing the cooking gases to be sucked out, ~~such as a mesh~~ therethrough.

8. (Currently Amended) A process for manufacturing a plate as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 7 claim 1, comprising the forming of the plate, ~~preferably consisting in by a~~ sinking, molding or pressing operation, ~~with, where appropriate, the use of~~ using one or more supports or one or more surfaces having ~~the~~ a desired geometry.

9. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 8, wherein a forming operation is carried out by a sinking operation, in order to raise ~~the~~ an edge of the opening relative to ~~the~~ a plane of the plate during ~~the~~ a glass plate ceramification cycle, the raising being ~~preferably~~ produced by ~~means of~~ an element or bearing piece of having a shape corresponding to that of the opening ~~that it is desired to obtain~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A cooking and/or high-temperature-maintaining device comprising a glass-ceramic plate as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a glass-ceramic plate as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7, comprising at least one element or bearing piece for producing the ~~raised feature~~ bent portion.

12. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 7, wherein said protective element is a mesh.

13. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plate is of a one-piece construction.

14. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein an outer peripheral edge around said opening is bent upwards.

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15. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening is at least 35 mm from each heating area of said plate.